

As I write this report on the last days of January, we are in the middle of our second major snow storm within 4 days. January has been about snow and ice. Through the hard work of my crew, I believe we have done an outstanding job of maintaining safe roads for our residents. We have been out on the roads about a dozen times for separate weather events. We did have to cancel trash collection on Tuesday and Wednesday because of the blizzard. The reasons were two-fold. The first was the safety of the employees who would have been exposed to the risk of injuries and the second was the need for all available manpower to maintain the roads and streets. I apologize for the inconvenience it may have caused but the results were safer roads and no injuries.

On Friday, January 23, 2015, our vendor who handles our recycling gave us 60 day notice that he no longer wants to accept our recycling. I am presently researching other alternatives to continue collecting and disposing of recycling products from our residents at least until we decide on a long term recycling program.

Our proposed sewer reconstruction on the Augusta Road is on schedule for late winter advertising. I know of at least two contractors who have expressed interest in lining up a significant project to start the season. Hopefully this interest will translate into competitive pricing.

On another sewer subject, the council will soon be approached by the Vassalboro Sewer District to start discussions on whether Winslow is interested in allowing them to pass through our sewer system to convey their sewage to the Kennebec Sanitary District in Waterville.

Finally, our search for a replacement mechanic is progressing slowly with very little response to our ads. I plan on being patient and hire the best possible candidate. It may go until spring when the students graduate from the technical schools.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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